

# Causes of the Crusades

- Muslim Turks invaded the Holy Land
- Christian pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land in the Middle East were being murdered.
- The Emperor of Constantinople asked the Pope for help against the Muslims
- Knights and lords were promised land and heaven
- Large population of knights that needed activity so that they would not war in Europe

# Results of the Crusades

What effects did the Crusades have on Europe and the rest of the known world.

# Economic Results

- Increase trade from the Middle East to Europe
- Italian cities became major trading centers
- Coined money began to be used within Europe
- **Domestic economy** started –articles made at home
- Lords sold lands to finance the Crusades
- Ordinary Europeans gained wealth
- **Usury** started lenders could charge interest
- This is the basis for our **market economy** -labor, land and capital control economy

# Social Results

- New types of weapons (catapult-crossbow)
- Ladies gained land when lords died
- People began to question “The Church”
- Kings gained wealth
- New goods flooded the markets in Europe
- New scientific and medical knowledge was brought from Asia
- Importance of the Silk Road to bring about rebirth Renaissance in Europe
- Thousands died in battle

# Political Results

- Lords sold land
- Kings grew stronger and royal families gained more power
- Feudalism ended
- Church leaders grew stronger – especially the Pope